

LAKE COUNTY  
CAPITAL FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
July 21, 2011

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County Commission Liaison: Commissioner Sean Parks, District 2

Members Present: Davis Talmage, Banking and Finance  
Bill Benham, Agricultural Industry Representative  
Linda Nagle, Home Builders Association of Lake County  
Carol MacLeod, Lake County Schools  
Nancy Hurlbert, Citizen At Large  
John Buxman, Chamber of Commerce  
Jim Richardson, League of Cities  
Jeffrey Banker, Citizen at Large  
Alan Winslow, Citizen at Large  
Lucille Espey-Francis, Environmental Community  
Ralph Smith, Citizen At Large

Staff Present: Melanie Marsh, Assistant County Attorney  
Lori Conway, Funding & Production Director/ Public Works Department  
T.J. Fish, Executive Director, Lake-Sumter MPO  
Amye King, Growth Management Director  
Angi Thompson, Development Processing Manager  
Phyllis Hegg, Assistant to Jim Stivender

Citizen Present: Vance Jochim

Media Present: Livi Stanford, Daily Sun

Chairman Talmage called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. and noted that the meeting had been duly advertised. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2011 Capital Facilities Advisory Committee meeting.

*Minutes from the June 30<sup>th</sup> of the Lake County Capital Facilities Advisory Committee were approved with corrections. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Bill Benham and seconded by Nancy Hurlburt. Motion carried unanimously "For the motion rescinding prior recommendations of the studies to the Board":*

*For: Alan Winslow, Ralph Smith, Jim Richardson, Bill Benham, Davis Talmage, and Linda Nagle.*

*Against: Nancy Hurlburt, Carol MacLeod, Lucille Espey-Francis and John Buxman – this change was added into the minutes and clearly spelled out. On Page 6 of the minutes, instead of 1983, it should read "since 1983".*

Old Business: No old business

New Business:

Lori Conway, Funding and Production Director for the Public Works Department, gave a handout to the Committee that contained a chart on road revenue and expenditure history from 1982 and it includes the 2012 projection. It shows all of the funding sources, and expenditures. It also included the cash carry forward or unspent road impact fees. In 2005 there was a huge influx of road impact revenue, and the department was not able to spend at the rate collected. She explained that the black line on the chart reflected Jim Stivender's comments. If revenue was consistent, this is the black line shows the range of funding he would expect to run the department. Following the black line to end of 2012 Jim Stivender feels that 30 million dollar revenue would be appropriate (half for maintenance, half for road construction).

Mr. Benham stated that the grant funds have increased dramatically. How is department getting the grant money? Lori advised that a good portion of the funds over the last three years has been stimulus money. Others are safety grants that were applied for.

Nancy asked about the sales tax revenue. Is it just that it is so small since 1995 in those intervening years until you get to 2003 or did we eliminate it? Lori responded that we were not the recipient of those funds during those years; it was in 2003 that we had designated sales tax revenue for roads. In those years "schools" were receiving those funds.

Mr. Winslow commented that the chart reflected next year we are projecting the lowest revenue we had in probably 13 years, and yet we are projecting a spending that is pretty much on the average of the last five year average. He thought the Board of County Commissioners would identify this issue as an alarming situation.

Mr. Benham asked if it would be safe to say looking at Mr. Stivender's black lines on the chart that from the year 2000 backwards, he was really spending a little bit below where the target range probably would have had to been and now he is spending more?

Lori responded to Mr. Benham that the black lines are where Jim Stivender feels/believes the revenue should be.

As a response to questions from the Committee Ms. Conway advised that she will check the referendum for dedicated sales tax for transportation. Since the referendum was approved, 50% of the County's share has always been for transportation.

Mr. Benham commented that sales tax for 2011 seemed high and Ms. Conway responded that they were higher.

Mr. Winslow reiterated that the County Commissioner needs to put a priority on their expenditures. Roads should take a higher priority.

Mr. Smith commented that roads didn't take a high priority with the previous Commission either.

Ms. Nagle asked Ms. Conway what was in the service fee revenue, and why does it vary as much as it does. Ms. Conway responded that it is any fee that the department charges for services (map sales, etc.).

Melanie Marsh, Assistant County Attorney, presented an overview of the Florida Sunshine Law to Committee members

T.J. Fish, Executive Director of Lake-Sumter MPO gave a presentation to the Committee entitled "Long Range Capacity Project Cost Estimates and Funding Options Revenue Generation".

Discussion ensued as a result of the presentation.

Mr. Winslow asked for a projection of needs over the next 5, 10, 15, and 20 years, best case, worst case. This must be done in order to establish priorities.



Commissioner Parks stated that he supports 2% coming out of the general fund for roads. He stands for prioritization and efficiency in the government. He stated that he wants to act upon the recommendations coming from this committee.

Mr. Richardson stated that even if the County stays at the current millage rate, the County is not bringing in anywhere near what they were, and now we are asking them to take 2% out of that as well. It is not feasible to ask that this be done in the 2012 budget process.

Mr. Smith disagreed with Mr. Richardson; he is just asking them to re-prioritize how they spend their funds.

Mr. Winslow asked that the chart presented to the Committee by Lori Conway be expanded to the next twenty years and the black lines become the optimum bare bones, and maybe something if we go rich what we would do. Underneath that continue all this where we know we have revenue coming in (continuing gas taxes, ad valorem revenue and service fees etc., projections). That would tell us what we can start playing with the yellow and green lines and bring them up to the black lines. We need something that shows us what are needs are.

Mr. Benham commented that we are looking at \$600 million dollars worth of needs and we are looking at a \$20 million dollar a year realistic income without using reserves, and the Committee will need more time to make its recommendations.

Mr. Winslow asked that Mr. Fish provide his breakdown of projects by year. How we will spend it by year coupled with the maintenance by year. What we know is going to happen, sales tax expiring, gas tax expiring. What we have left to work with, so we know what we have to come up with. You must have it by year.

Mr. Fish advised that the MPO has a list of priorities, but the Public Works Department may not have a list. What is it that the County should be doing in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015, and isn't because the funds aren't there.

*The tape recorder malfunctioned at this point in the meeting.*

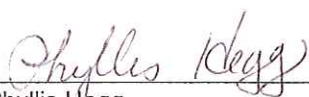
The Committee asked for a transportation plan for the next meeting, in 5 year increments, combining both the MPO list of priorities and the Public Works list of priorities. They also asked for a report on revenue needed and projected. Take the need and list the source proposed for that need. The report needs to be projected out to 2035. T.J. will work on this report.

Commissioner Parks handed out an article on mobility fee mechanism being used in Pasco County.

The meeting adjourned.

There are two meetings scheduled on August 8 at the Lake County School Board from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Phyllis Hegg  
Public Works

  
Davis Talmage  
CFAC Chairman